

SUPPORTING PRINCE HALL MASON'S BUILDING AND MARTIN LUTHER KING'S OFFICE RENOVATION IN HONOR JOHN LEWIS

HON. KWANZA HALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. HALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak a truth.

And that truth is quite simple.

I stand on the shoulders of giants.

I hail from Atlanta which is the home of the King Center, a place dedicated to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., one of America's greatest citizens.

We honor him with a federal holiday and a memorial on our national mall, just outside this great chamber.

I am also the heir to the seat held by the late great John Lewis. Congressman Lewis was by Dr. King's side and Congressman Lewis dedicated his life to peaceful non-violence.

Congressman Lewis was a beacon in this Chamber for the dozens of years that he served. It is one of the greatest honors of my life to complete the term for which he was last elected, can take the baton and bring his service across the finish line.

But I would be remiss if I did not use my opportunity to make sure their lessons are known for other generations to come.

That is why it is critical to make sure that we preserve the buildings in Metro Atlanta that give life to their work. We must establish the former headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, where Dr. King did his work, alongside Congressman Lewis, as a national historic site.

If we do this, then we can do our small part to ensure that those that follow in our footsteps do so mindful of the example of these giants of the civil rights movement.

FAREWELL REMARKS

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise for the last time on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Growing up on a small farm in New Mexico, I never imagined that I would walk these hallowed halls and speak from this chamber.

Of course, I did not get here alone. I stand on the shoulders of giants like Dennis Chavez, Manuel Luján, and many others who blazed a trail for me and other Hispanic Americans to serve our communities proudly in this, the People's House.

I also owe my public service to heroes a little closer to home: my mother Carmen, a retired public-school employee, and my late father Ben, a union ironworker who became Speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives.

They taught me that no job is too big or too small and that we must be guided by our compassion for others. It was their passion for serving others that propelled me to seek public office.

Thanks to Mom and Dad.

I also want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Speaker PELOSI, Majority Leader HOYER, and Whip CLYBURN and countless other members for their guidance and mentorship during my career in the House and during the last two years that I've served as the Assistant Speaker.

I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their friendship and support.

And I thank the freshman members who I have had the honor of working with mentoring during the 116th Congress. During a difficult time in our nation's history, their commitment to their constituents and the nation has inspired me every day.

I thank my staff who work long hours and weekends to serve the people of New Mexico. Their support has enabled me to make progress on the issues that matter most to New Mexicans.

And finally, I thank the people of New Mexico's Third Congressional District. It's been such an honor to represent them in the House, and I'll never stop working to make a positive difference.

I'm proud of what we were able to accomplish for New Mexico's Third District:

Defending the Affordable Care Act, which expanded health coverage to 270,000 New Mexicans;

Reaching across the aisle to pass bills into law combating the opioid epidemic that has ravaged families and communities;

Working with my Republican colleagues to make robust investments in our world-class National Labs;

Creating good-paying jobs for New Mexicans by passing measures to bolster our state's growing outdoor economy and to improve broadband deployment in our rural communities;

Passing legislation to preserve and protect Native languages for future generations;

Ensuring New Mexico's land grants and acequias are treated with dignity and respect, and can continue to thrive;

And assisting thousands of New Mexicans in navigating our federal agencies—helping veterans and seniors secure their hard-earned benefits, taxpayers navigate the IRS, and new citizens through the naturalization process.

I include in the RECORD a list of 29 bills that I led and 10 that I co-led that became law while I've served in the House.

Come January, the Third District will have a new representative in Teresa Leger Fernandez. I know she will be a champion for working families, for New Mexico.

I look forward to continuing to work with her and the rest of my friends in the New Mexico delegation from the other side of the Capitol.

I'm truly humbled that the people of New Mexico have sent me to be their voice in the United States Senate. To be perfectly honest, it hasn't sunk in yet.

But I'll miss the People's House. It's been the privilege of my lifetime to serve here along with my colleagues. Let's continue to heed the call of the American people and make a positive difference every day that we can.

I'm proud to have led the following bills passed into law to improve the lives of New Mexicans:

The Esther Martinez Native American Languages Programs Reauthorization Act;

The Prompt and Fast Action to Stop Damages Act of 2019;

The Department of Energy National Labs Jobs ACCESS Act;

The Map Improvement Act;

The Cerros del Norte Conservation Act;

The Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program Reauthorization Act;

The San Juan County Settlement Implementation Act;

The Santa Clara Pueblo Leasing Authority Act;

The Support Startup Business Act;

The Child Health Outreach and Mentorship Program Act;

The Opioid and Heroin Abuse Crisis Investment Act of 2017;

The Broadband Infrastructure Inventory Act;

The Acequia Conservation Program Eligibility Act;

A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a grant program improving treatment for pregnant and postpartum women;

The Peer Support Communities of Recovery Act;

The Growing Value-Added Economies Act;

The Medicaid Substance Use Disorder Treatment via Telehealth Act;

The New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act;

The Improving Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women Act of 2016;

The Opioid and Heroin Abuse Crisis Investment Act;

The Columbine-Hondo Wilderness Act;

The Sabinoso Wilderness Act of 2009;

The Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Authorization Act;

The New Mexico Aquifer Assessment Act;

The Rio Grande Pueblos Irrigation Infrastructure Improvement Act;

The Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Project Act;

The Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act;

The Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act;

A bill to authorize leases of up to 99 years for lands held in trust for Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo.

I'm proud to have co-led the following bills passed into law to improve the lives of New Mexicans:

The Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Act of 2018;

The Maternal Opioid Treatment, Health, Education, and Recovery Act of 2018;

The Better Pain Management Through Data Act;

The Addiction Treatment Access Improvement Act;

A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prescription drug plan sponsors under the Medicare program to establish drug management programs for at-risk beneficiaries;

The Standardizing Electronic Prior Authorization for Safe Prescribing Act of 2018;

The Ashlynne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act;

The Assist Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Act of 2018;

The Preventing Interruptions in Physical Therapy Act;

The Medicare Part D Patient Safety and Drug Abuse Prevention Act.

IN HONOR OF STEVEN SIMS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steven Sims of